Mr. President:—Do you mean the President? It will not be possible for me to allow an Hon'ble Member to postpone a question until the answers to a particular question is forthcoming. That will rather create confusion. You must make a distinction between the President and the Government. Generally speaking the Government cannot be held responsible for that.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—But the practice here is when a member wants some questions to be answered consecutively they do it.

Mr. President:—Now that it has been brought to my notice by the Hon'ble Member I shall consider what we have to do in the matter.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—Thank you, Sir. May I know when he was confirmed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—On the 1st of Karkidagom.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—May I know for how many days he held that confirmed post?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—Till he was transferred.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—May I know when he was transferred?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—On the 5th.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon—Appointment as the Commissioner of Police.

8. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when was Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon appointed as the Commissioner of Police;

(2) when was he confirmed?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:—(1) On 3rd Chingam 1104.

(2) On 19th Edavam 1108.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:—Was he on probation these 4½ years?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— He was officiating.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Is there any other instance where a man was officiating for such a long period?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— I want notice.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:— May I know what is the object of making a person officiating or on probation?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— There is a distinction between an officiating officer and an officer on probation. When he is on probation he is subject to a certain amount of supervision over his work and only after the authority that appointed him

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thinks that his work was sufficiently satisfactory would he be confirmed. But in the case of an officer officiating, there is no such condition laid down.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Therefore there are no difference between a person who has been confirmed and one who is officiating?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— There are no conditions laid down in the case of an officiating officer.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Is there any reason for not confirming him ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— Government was considering the question of his confirmation.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:— It took 4½ years for the Government to consider his confirmation ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— To know the exact idea underlying the Government's policy to continue him as officiating, I want notice.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Of course they are now satisfied and he was confirmed.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— Is it the policy of the Government to keep Government servants officiating *ad infinitum ?*

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— It is open for the Government to decide.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— Was the particular gentleman sent for training as Commissioner of Police ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— Yes.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— Then there was no necessity to wait and see his ability.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:—I have already answered that the necessity was created by exigencies.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty:— Was it to try his efficiency ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— I want notice.

Kalithodu—Improvement of.

9. Mr. T A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there was a proposal to improve the Kalithodu in the Kallur Nemmanikara and Thoravu villages;

(2) were Rs. 14,000 allotted in the budget for this work;

(3) if so, what are the reasons for not undertaking the work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—(1) Yes.

(2) A sum of Rs. 14,250 was allotted in the 1104 budget for the work.

(3) Government thought it advisable to watch the effect of

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